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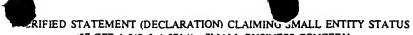
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(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN Applicant or Patentee: Phillip E. Eggers and Hira V. Thapliyal Application or Patent No.: 08/561,958 Filed or Issued: November 22, 1995 Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ELECTROSURGICAL CUTTING AND ABLATION I hereby declare that I am [] the owner of the small business concern identified below: an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below: NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN Arthrocare Corporation ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN 5366 Reserve Drive, Dublin, Ohio, 43017 I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concem qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.12, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both. I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ELECTROSURGICAL CUTTING AND ABLATION by inventor(s) Philip E. Eggets and Hira V. Thapliyal described in the specification filed herewith [] 08/561.958 November 22, 1995 [X]Application No. filed [] Patent No. issued If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights in the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern that would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e). *NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27) NAME **ADDRESS** [] NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION [] INDIVIDUAL [] SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN NAME **ADDRESS** [] INDIVIDUAL [] SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN [] NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b)). I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed. NAME OF PERSON SIGNING Hira V. Thapliyal TITLE OF PERSON IF OTHER THAN OWNER

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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

JOINT

WHEREAS, Philip E. Eggers of 5366 Reserve Drive, Dublin, Ohio 43017, and Hira V. Thapliyal of 1192 Volti Lane, Los Altos, California 94024, hereinafter referred to as "Assignors," are the inventors of the invention described and set forth in the below identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of the Invention: SYSTEM ANI CUTTING AND ABLATION	METHOD FOR	ELECTROSURGICAL
Date(s) of execution of Declaration:		
Filing date: November 22, 1995	Serial No.: 08/5	561.958 : and

Title of the Invention:

WHEREAS, ARTHROCARE CORPORATION a Delaware corporation, located at 595 North Pastoria Avenue, Sunnyvale, Ca 94086, hereinafter referred to as "Assignee," is desirous of acquiring an interest in the invention and application and in any Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted on the same;

For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignors, Assignors have assigned, and by these presents do assign to Assignee all right, title and interest in and to the invention and application and to all foreign counterparts (including patent, utility model and industrial designs), and in and to any Letters Patent and Registrations which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States and all countries throughout the world, and to claim the priority from the application as provided by the Paris Convention. The right, title and interest is to be held and enjoyed by Assignee and Assignee's successors and assigns as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors had this assignment not been made, for the full term of any Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

Assignors further agree that they will, without charge to Assignee, but at Assignee's expense, (a) cooperate with Assignee in the prosecution of U.S. Patent applications and foreign counterparts on the invention and any improvements, (b) execute, verify, acknowledge and deliver all such further papers, including patent applications and instruments of transfer and (c) perform such other acts as Assignee lawfully may request to obtain or maintain Letters Patent and Registrations for the invention and improvements in any and all countries, and to vest title thereto in Assignee, or Assignee's successors and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, indicated.	Assignors have signed their names on the dates
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